(NCVT) should be published and this be updated every year. At the time of admission, advertisement may be given in the local newspapers to warn the students that those seeking admission in unaffiliated ITIs would do so at their own risk and would not be permitted to take the NCVT examination at All India Level.

In addition, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi which is set up under the AICTE Act, 1997, has issued regulation for approval of main technical institution, introduction of new courses or programmes and approval of intake capacity of courses or programmes.

The Council has published a directory of Technical institutions approved by the Council.

The Council also gives advertisement in the newspapers from time to time regarding the institutions and programmes at degree and deploma level, approved by the Council for information of the parents and the students.

(c) Does not arise.

Sports Development Fund

2970. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Sports Development Fund in order to rejuvenate the sports scenario in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the quantum of initial contribution for it ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal for creation of sports Development Fund is under active consideration of the Government. The fund is proposed to be set up for mobilising resource from Govt. and various non-Govt. organisations including private sectors and industries. The fund will assist various activities relating to promotion of excellence in sports.

Details are being worked out.

Chandla Committee

2971. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision on the Chandla Committee report relating to donation by the public schools in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The Govt. of NCT of Delhi have informed that they are examining the Chandla Committee report.

Foreign Airlines Operation in India

2972. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign airlines operating in India;

(b) whether some of those Airlines propose to expand their operation in the country;

(c) if so, the details of those Airlines and the new routes which are proposed to be connected by Air by them;

(d) whether Singapore Airline is planning to expand its operation in the country;

(e) if so, whether bilateral talks has been held or proposed to be held in that regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) 51 foreign airlines are presently operating scheduled services to/from/through India.

(b) and (c) Expansion of services is left to the Commercial judgement of the individual airlines. However, the Government of India, during the last one year, has granted additional traffic rights to the designated airlines of 23 countries on a reciprocal basis.

(d) to (f) During the Inter-Governmental talks held in July, 97, India and Singapore have agreed to increase the capacity entitlement by 6 B-747 units by summer 2000 by addition of 2 units each year starting from summer 1998. The additional capacity is linked to a code-share

arrangement between Air India and Singapore Airlines under which Air India will be entitled to a block of seats on Singapore Airlines' flights to points in U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand at an agreed price. The above agreement is being placed before the Government for approval.

Holding of Examination

2973. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Osmania and Kakatiya Universities were conducted one sitting exmination for awarding graduate and post graduate degrees for the last 22 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this practice has been discontinued on the direction of UGC;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether in spite of direction given by the Andhra High Court to conduct the examination, this examination has not been conducted so far affecting the future of near about 1 lakh students; and

(f) if so, the main reasons thereof and time by which the said examination is likely to be conducted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (f) According to the information furnished by UGC, Osmania and Kakatiya Universities have been offering one-sitting degree courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. UGC Regulations (1985) regarding Minimum Standards of Instruction for the grant of the first degree, inter-alia, provide that "No student shall be eligible for the award of the first degree unless he has successfully completed a three year course." The Commission considered the matter in its meetings held in March and September, 1996 and June, 1997 and decided that in view of the above Regulations, no university be allowed to enrol candidates for one-sitting B.A. degree course from the year 1996-97 onwards.

As regards the Masters' Degree, the Commission decided that, in view of proviso to the above Regulations, no student shall be eligible to seek admission to the Masters' Course who has not successfully pursued the first degree course of three years, duration.

Mittal Report

2974. SHRI KARIA MUNDA :
SHRI ANCHAL DAS :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non-implementation of Mittal Report during the three years;

(b) the action taken/proposed to fulfill Parliament assurances and reasons for delaying report;

(c) whether reservation is applicable in promotion from Group 'A' to within Group 'A' & upto which post 40 Point Roster was applied during 1991-93; and

(d) if roster is not applicable from Group 'A' to 'A' how SC/ST are shown promoted against reservation ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN : (a) and (b) The main recommendation of Mittal Committee Report pertaining to annulment of amendment of the R&P Rules has already been implemented. Action on other recommendation is under consideration which is likely to take some more time as the issues involved are complex. The matter is also under discussion with National Commission for SCs/STs. However, efforts are being made to expedite action.

(c) Reservation is applicable for promotions upto the lowest rung of Group 'A' posts only and the 40 point roster was made applicable accordingly for promotions affected between 1991 to 1993, including subsequent Review DPCs. No reservation is applicable in promotion with Group 'A'.

(d) Position already explained at (c) above.

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Tourism Projects in Haryana

2975. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Haryana Government has sent some tourism projects for the approval of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism has prioritised the